

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

(5) a pair of influenza virus B primers selected from the hemagglutinin-~~neuraminidase~~ gene region. For example, the oligo-nucleotides in an influenza virus B primer pair can be, respectively, SEQ ID NO:20 and 22, or SEQ ID NOs:21 and 23.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

(3) an influenza virus B probe including an oligo-nucleotide selected from the hemagglutinin-~~neuraminidase~~ gene region. For example, the oligo-nucleotide can be one of SEQ ID NOs: 50-52 or its complementary sequence.